

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

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In every city, in almost every town, in many villages and hamlets, and in remote country districts throughout the United States, bands of women are daily going about doing every kind of helpful, charitable work. They proceed quietly and without ostentation. There is no uniform to distinguish them from other people who come and go, but if you look closely you will find in the lace at the throat, or on a chain, a tiny silver cross of Maltese design, bearing the letters "K. D. S." Sometimes a knot of purple ribbon is worn with it. Purple is the color of royalty, and for that reason belongs to these kindly women who are called The King's Daughters. Their every deed is done under the inspiration of divine charity "in His name."

The society was organized about twenty years ago by Mrs. Margaret Bottomo, wife of a clergyman, who was the only president of the general order until her death last fall. Only ten or twelve women were present at the first meeting, which she called in her New York home, but from that simple, reverential service has grown a movement that is not only national, but world-wide in its scope.

The objects of the order are "the development of spiritual life and the stimulation of Christian activities." For the purpose of making the work more effective, the local organizations, known as circles, are gathered into county or city unions, and these into State and national organizations. Biennial meetings are held, and eight Canadian provinces affiliate with the United States organizations at this time. The last meeting was at Wheeling, W. Va., in May, 1906, this being the eighth one. No service is too small or insignificant for the women of this order to undertake. No work of benevolence is considered beneath them, no matter how small and unattractive the beneficiary.

Every field of effort is covered in their daily duties. Hospitals, orphanages, industrial schools, churches, homes for the blind, the aged, and the incurable; missions, Sunday schools, sewing circles, and countless other helpful things spring up in the path where the feet of these good women tread, marking their way like the flowers of spring. The question of religious denominations does not enter into the matter at all. Within many circles are formed in memory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and many include members of only certain sects, it is because that is the work that happens to be nearest, and not because the general society belongs to any particular religious denomination.

Notice the names chosen, and the spirit of willingness and earnestness will be guessed: The Whatsoever Circle, the Willing Hands, the Earnest Workers, the Ever Ready, the Inasmuch, the Loving Service, the Willing Hearts, the Friends of the New, the Friends of the Old, the Friends of the Friendless, the Friends of the Poor. Some times the names of good men or women are given to memorial circles. In New York a great work is being done in the slums. At the Frank Bottomo Memorial, on the East Side, there is a free kindergarten, a Sunday school, a penny provident fund, a mothers' club, a re-established in memory of Mrs. Bottomo, a physician who gave his life in loving service to the poor. This same band of workers has given vacation trips to 2,000 women and children in the hot summer days, and a bowl of bread and milk is served each morning to eighty little children. This big city has its flower mission circles, who distribute plants among the children of the tenements, who take the little ones out for a day or two in the country, and who support floating hospitals for alling babies in summer time.

A circle of blind girls in California recently made many gay pin cushions for a hospital, and filled the bottles with perfume to be sent to the patients. Another circle of blind girls in Tennessee, lodged in a home built for them by the King's Daughters, have achieved most interesting things in basketry, lace-making, and knitted work. A general work in the New England States has been to find safe for things made by "shut-in" invalids who cannot leave their beds or chairs. From large firms the Daughters have taken orders for mops, washrags, dishcloths, etc., and the shut-ins are enabled to earn a living by making these articles. Each organization bears the affidavit of the various circles to the effect that the shut-in has no contagious disease.

In Mississippi a visiting officer of the order was approached by a young negro girl, who said she was a member of a circle of the King's Daughters, composed of other negro girls of her age. "What is the name of your circle?" the visitor asked. "We call it the 'We Sing Them to God Circle,'" the girl replied. "What an unusual name," the visitor said kindly; "will you tell me about it?" "Why, it's this way," the girl replied. "When any of our friends are dying we gather in the room and sing softly the hymns they like best, until they have passed away." It is possibly the only circle of its kind, but knowing the negro's love for music, and the melody of their voices, the singing of old-time hymns must be a comfort to the dying.

It was a Mississippi woman who proved a martyr to her little cross and its meaning. Mrs. Mary Thompson Howe, daughter of the late Episcopal bishop of that State, was spending the summer in the mountains of North Carolina, when she found a little postmistress there who could not leave her post to go to the bed of a dying relative. Mrs. Howe had herself sworn in as assistant, and took charge of the work. She contracted typhoid fever while at her post, and died from doing a kind service for a stranger.

At Norwich, Conn., The King's Daughters have recently founded a home for worthy Protestant women. The Opportunity Circle in a Michigan town employs a visiting nurse for the poor, who otherwise could not afford to have one. At Kealahena, Hawaii, a circle of native girls, under the tutelage of an American missionary, are making scrap-books to send to unfortunates in the leper colony. At Hotchkiss, Colo., the lack of denominational prejudice was proved when The King's Daughters of the city combined and bought a communion service for each of the two churches, the Baptist and the Methodist. The Virginia branches are planning a rest room for the use of visitors at the Jamestown Exposition, just as other State organizations did at St. Louis and Portland. At Mexico, Mo., a home for aged women is supported by circles of this order. In Detroit the work takes the form of social settlements, and cooking and other industrial classes are formed and supported for the benefit of the poor.

A band of children in a little Missouri town raised the mortgage of \$85 on a poor widow's home, employed a nurse for her when she fell ill, and paid her funeral expenses when she died. In Oakland, Cal., a home for incurables has been in successful operation for several years.

the building being also offered as a refuge for sufferers from the San Francisco disaster. Tennessee circles are building such a home, and have also established a reform school for boys and a home for aged women in Memphis.

Kentucky circles have gone far up in the mountain wilds to build churches where none ever before existed. In St. Louis one circle set to work and raised the money to rebuild their church when the cyclone tore it down. There are in the United States 112,000 people who are suffering from epilepsy. At Port Deposit, Md., The King's Daughters have gathered as many as they can into a home, and are giving them all the help and care that is possible. In Ohio a summer school is held at Lakewood, under the circles of that locality, while in Alabama the activities of most of the circles are directed toward hospital work.

In New Orleans the order maintains a home for crippled children, the building of which is due to the best known living worker of the order, Miss Sophie Wright, the "woman beloved of New Orleans." Miss Wright, herself a cripple since she was three years old, led in the work of raising the needed \$10,000 to erect this building, because she knew where meat could be had for nothing, and who could not run and play as other children did. This frail, white-haired woman, whose face has been marked with suffering in of such potent influence in her city that it is said that if her activities should suddenly cease, upward of 2 per cent of the white male population would be deprived of the hope of education, which now has 1,700 pupils and a large corps of volunteer teachers.

She began this work by teaching a young fellow from a stranded circus who wanted to prepare for an examination. He brought his friends. Others came and still others, boys and men, girls and women, asking help in every branch of education under the sun, and Miss Wright secured it for all of them somehow. There are only two conditions with which the applicant must comply in coming to this night school. He must be employed during the day-school hours, and he must be unable to pay for the tuition.

This work Miss Wright began alone twenty-three years ago when she was a girl in her teens, teaching a private school for other girls. To-day her private school is one of the best in the country. She mortgaged it three years ago to get funds for her night school, but the appreciative citizens of New Orleans raised \$10,000 and gave it to her as a present. It was a memorable day when thousands of people gathered in Audubon Park to see this frail woman receive the Pearly Cross silver cup, that the city had unanimously agreed should go to her as "the citizen who had done most for New Orleans during the past year."

To-morrow—Daughters of the American Revolution.

PHYSICIANS READ PAPERS.

Montgomery County Medical Society Holds Annual Meeting. Special to The Washington Herald. Rockville, Md., April 16.—The annual meeting of the Montgomery County Medical Society was held in the courthouse here to-day. At the morning session officers were elected as follows: President, Dr. James E. Deets, of Clarksville; vice president, Dr. Charles Farquhar, of Olney; secretary and treasurer, Dr. John L. Lewis, of Bethesda. Dr. Horace B. Haddock, of Gaithersburg, was chosen unanimously as the guest of honor. Dr. William L. Lewis, of Kensington, and Otis M. Linthicum, of Rockville.

Papers were read by Dr. Edward Anderson, of Rockville, the retiring president; Dr. J. Thomas Kelly, of Washington, and Dr. Hiram Woods, of Baltimore.

A PRACTICAL SUIT FOR HOME-MAKING.



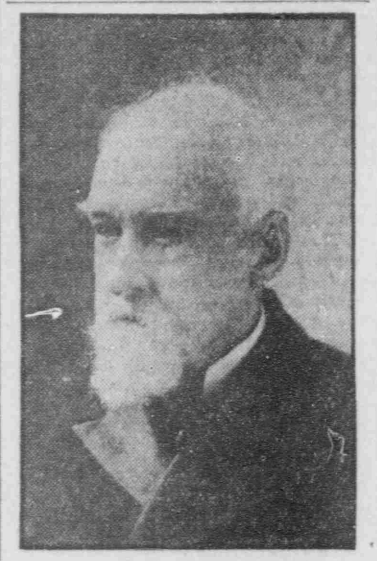
Every boy finds the blouse suit just what he needs for the numerous sports of his happy days, and the mother appreciates its practicality and good style. The suit shown may be made in jersey or crash, and consists of blouse and knickerbockers. The deep round collar and natty pocket add their dash to the blouse, while the fullness of the sleeve is retained in small pleats at the cuff. The knickers are comfortably full and have the usual number of pockets. For the medium size the suit requires 3-1/4 yards of 42-inch material. Sizes, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 years. A pattern of this may be obtained by enclosing 10 cents in stamps and addressing Pattern Department, Washington Herald, 224 Fifteenth street northwest, giving number (2497) and size wanted.

ORPHAN ASYLUM GETS LEGACY.

John Walter Leaves \$200 to German Institution. The German Orphan Asylum, by the will of John Walter, dated March 3, 1906, and filed for probate yesterday, is to receive \$200, while the rest of the estate is divided between the children of the deceased—John Walter, William Walter, Catherine M. S. Nauck, Oscar Walter, Adolph Walter, Hugo Walter, and Pauline Crow, and the children of the deceased daughter of the testator, Barbara King. Henry W. Schon is appointed executor. The will of Catherine C. Jamison was probated yesterday. The deceased bequeathed to her sister, Caroline C. Black, \$900; to her niece, Annie Campbell, real estate in Pennsylvania. Her personal effects are divided among relatives, and the rest of the estate is to go to her sister, Sarah C. Stanbury, of St. Augustine, Fla. H. Campbell Black, of this city, and Jennie H. Ruggles, of St. Augustine, Fla., are named as executors.

THREE SCORE AND TEN.

Senator McEnery Will Soon Celebrate Seventieth Birthday. United States Senator Samuel Douglas McEnery, of Louisiana, will shortly celebrate his seventieth birthday. He is still hale and hearty. He was born at Monroe, La., May 28, 1837, and studied at the United States Naval Academy and the University of Virginia. Senator McEnery also graduated at law at Poughkeepsie University, New York.



Samuel Douglas McEnery.

State. When the civil war broke out he entered the Confederate army, where he made a splendid record. He entered politics while practicing law after the war, and was elected lieutenant governor of his State in 1879, and served as governor from 1884 until 1888. Senator McEnery was an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana from 1888 until 1897, when he was elected to the United States Senate. His home is in New Orleans.

FATHER O'ROURKE CHOSEN.

Is Elected Unanimously as Prior of St. Dominic's Catholic Church. Rev. Timothy P. O'Rourke has been named successor to Rev. Father Hinch, as prior of St. Dominic's Catholic Church, at Sixth and E streets southeast. It is said his election is pleasing to the congregation, owing to the fact that Father O'Rourke said his first mass in the church on becoming a priest, and is personally esteemed by the people of the parish. A custom in the Dominican order, clergymen of which built St. Dominic's, prescribes that an annual election shall be held for the head of the household. Five members of the order were at St. Dominic's to vote, and Father O'Rourke received the ballots of all. Official notification of the election has been sent to the provincial of the order, Rev. Lawrence E. Carney, whose approval is necessary as a confirmation of the ballot. It is said that this confirmation will be forthcoming.

MERGER IS APPROVED

Business Club Directories Practically Unanimous.

JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Committees of Two Organizations to Report Working Plans to Union Meeting at New Willard Thursday Week—Members to Ratify Actions of Boards of Directors Tuesday.

Meetings were held yesterday afternoon by the board of directors of the Business Men's Association and the Jobbers and Shippers' Association, to pass upon the resolutions adopted by the joint committee of the two bodies framed last week. At both meetings action was favorable to the proposed merger, resolutions being adopted approving the plan proposed by the joint committee, proposing the appointment of committees of five from each body to formulate the working plan of organization, and to present the same at a mass meeting of the two bodies, to be held at the New Willard on Thursday evening, April 25.

Final Action Tuesday. The directors of the Business Men met in Gude Hall, on F street, and those of the Jobbers at the American Security and Trust building, on Fifteenth street. Action at both meetings was practically unanimous, and the merger is now considered by the leading spirits of both bodies as assured.

The Business Men's Association will hold a public meeting of its members next Tuesday night at Gude Hall, to take the final action of that body on the resolutions approved yesterday by its board of directors. The meeting of the Jobbers and Shippers to pass upon the report of its directors will probably take place next Tuesday evening, but the time and place was not determined.

In the event that the plans for the merger are ratified by the public meetings of the two bodies next week, the first meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for organization will be held at the New Willard next Thursday night, when it is expected steps will be finally taken toward the full realization of the plan.

Text of the Merger Resolutions.

The formal action of the two boards yesterday was contained in the following resolutions: "Resolved, That the permanent organization of the Washington Chamber of Commerce be now effected, and that the membership be composed of the members of the Jobbers and Shippers' Association and the Business Men's Association, in good standing, and such other persons as may be subsequently elected, the members of the Business Men's Association and the Jobbers and Shippers' Association to be members without further payment of dues until January 1, 1908, and such other persons as may be subsequently elected, by payment of \$5 dues, to January 1, 1908."

HARRIET COLNE TO BE SUED.

Former Employee of Martin Bros. to Reveal Interests in Deals.

The District Supreme Court yesterday issued permission to Guy H. Johnson and Joseph D. Sullivan, receivers of the firm of Martin Brothers, real estate brokers, to enter suit for discovery against Harriet Colne, formerly an employee of the bankrupt firm. The court is requested to require Miss Colne to disclose the nature of her interests in nine parcels of real estate which are recorded in her name. It is claimed by the receivers that it was the custom of Martin Brothers to place the title to property purchased by Harriet Colne in the name of Miss Colne, and that she had no pecuniary interest in the lands so conveyed, and held the same as a trustee, to dispose of as she should be directed by Martin Brothers. The receivers also ask the court to enjoin Miss Colne from transferring the property, pending the determination of the proceedings. Chief Justice Claiborne signed an order requiring the receivers of Martin Brothers to pay H. Randall Webb, certain debts collected between April 1 and the time the receivers took charge of the business of the real estate firm. Webb is directed by the order to file with the receivers a bond in the penalty of \$100 to indemnify the receivers.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders.

Following assignments first lieutenants announced: WILLIAM J. DAVIS, to Eighth Infantry; JOHN F. CLAPHAM, to Fifth Infantry; KENNETH P. WILLIAMS, to Third Infantry; WILLIAM A. ALPENTE, to Eighth Infantry; DANIEL A. NOLAN, to Fifth Infantry; CHARLES E. SWARTZ, to Tenth Infantry; BENJAMIN D. FOULDS, to Twenty-fourth Infantry; ROY W. ASHBROOK, to Seventeenth Infantry; RALPH H. LEVANT, to Twenty-fifth Infantry; GOODWIN COMPTON, to Thirtieth Infantry; LAURENCE M. FURCELL, to Ninth Infantry; WILLIAM R. LEONARD, to Ninth Infantry; CLARENCE H. PARNHAM, to Fourth Infantry; JAMES E. McDONALD, to Fifth Infantry; WILLIAM F. C. JEFFERY, to Fifth Infantry; WILLIAM F. C. JEFFERY, to Fifth Infantry; WILLIAM F. C. JEFFERY, to Fifth Infantry.

Naval Orders.

Assistant Naval Constructor H. WILLIAMS, from Newport News to Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department. Chief Gunner L. J. G. KUHLWEIN, to Naval Hospital, New York. Paymaster Clerk H. MACK, appointed for duty as clerk to general inspector pay corps. Paymaster Clerk J. A. KELLY, appointed for duty in connection with settlement accounts of Keary.

THEATERS TO-DAY.

The New National.

"The Hypocrites".....At 2:15 and 8:15
The latest and best play by Henry Arthur Jones. It is well constructed, and teaches a powerful moral lesson, a fine example of the old Latin adage: "Magna est veritas et prevalebit." It is not a play to which the youngsters should be taken.

The Columbia.

"Man and Superman".....At 8:15
One of the best of Bernard Shaw's clever plays. Clean, keen, incisive dialogue makes this "Man and Superman" a fine example of the old Latin adage: "Magna est veritas et prevalebit." It is not a play to which the youngsters should be taken.

The Belasco.

"The Krutner Sonata".....At 2:15 and 8:15
Mrs. Bertha Kalich, a distinguished actress, to the English-speaking drama, after she had won fame as an actress in Yiddish. A strong, but rather expensive play, adapted from Jacob Gordin by Langdon Mitchell. A play to make one think.

Chase's.

"Polite Vaudeville".....At 2:15 and 8:15
An attractive bill, the headliner of which is Edward Connelly's company in a new George Ade play. A clever ventriloquist and six other acts.

The Majestic.

"The Belle of Richmond".....At 2:15 and 8:15
The Kathryn Purnell stock company, in a romantic melodrama that pleases its patrons.

The Lyceum.

"Burlesque".....At 2:15 and 8:15
The usual kind of burlesque entertainment, but it lacks the aid of an adequate company.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Clara Bloodgood is to become a Shubert star next season, and will appear in Clyde Fitch's play, "The Truth" at first. It is reported that Richard Golden is to be given the leading role in "The Snow Man" when that piece begins its summer run at the Lyric Theatre in New York.

James K. Hackett has secured an option of Pierre Wolff's new play, "The Rules of the Game." The piece will have to be changed somewhat unless Mr. Hackett is planning to shock America.

Maurice Campbell has a new play for Henrietta Crossman, entitled "Locusts," whether the piece will be put on with the proposed production of "Pilgrim's Progress" is not stated.

Arthur Lewis, who plays Vivenah, the lawyer in "The Hypocrites," is as well known in Paris and London as he is in this country. He is probably the only living actor who has paid a royalty for playing "Hamlet," and who is equally at home on the English or French stage. He has managed Sarah Bernhardt, Rejane, Coquelin, and Jane Hading, and he introduced Antoine to the English public. He paid royalty for "Hamlet" to a French author for the right to produce his version at Stratford-on-Avon.

Mr. William Archer, the distinguished critic and translator of Ibsen's plays in the new complete edition of Ibsen, now being published, has recently arrived in this country as a delegate to the Simplified Spelling Congress. Mr. Archer could have seen four of Ibsen's plays, "Peer Gynt," "Hedda Gabler," "The Doll's House," and "The Pretenders," most of them given in the words of his translation, in the theaters of New York during the last month. No playwright except Clyde Fitch and Bernard Shaw have ever had an equal success in New York.

NEWS CUT SHORT FOR BUSY READERS

Dr. Thomas E. Will, secretary of the American Forestry Association, will deliver a free illustrated lecture in the Public Library to-morrow evening on the Southern Appalachian and White Mountains.

John J. Kennedy, formerly proprietor of a coal and wood yard, yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, stating his debts at \$13,500.15, with no assets. Justice Barnard named E. S. McCalmont as referee.

Papers for the incorporation of the Sanitary Grocery Company were placed on record yesterday, the capital stock of the firm being stated to be \$5,000, and the trustees Eugene Sullivan, John H. Ruckman, and John A. Sweeney, all of this city.

Walter C. Allen, electrical engineer, yesterday recommended to the Commissioners the acceptance of the proposal of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, of this city, to furnish the underground signal and telephone cables for the use of the District electrical bureau.

Mary H. Snyder yesterday began suit against Charles H. Snyder for absolute divorce and the custody of their minor daughter, Martha C. Snyder. Mrs. Snyder, through her attorney, Campbell Carlington, says that they were married in this city April 3, 1885, and alleges infidelity on the part of her husband.

Dr. Edward Leon Thompson, alias "Dr. Leon," was placed on trial yesterday before Justice Barnard and a jury for alleged attempted criminal operation on Sadie Valk, October 11, 1905. The chief witness called on behalf of the prosecution was Sadie Valk, who testified as to her visit at Dr. Leon's office, and an alleged operation performed on her by Dr. Leon. The case is continued until this morning.

Robert L. Waring yesterday entered proceedings against John S. Clemence, George W. Hurlbeaus, William A. Darling, Frank B. Swart, and William H. Rose to recover \$10,000 damages for alleged libel. Waring, through his attorney, Mason N. Richardson, alleges that the defendants composed and published a libel February 25, 1907, charging him with blackmail, and that he thereby has suffered public disgrace.

In view of numerous suggestions on the part of citizens that portions of the appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of municipal playgrounds be expended in various parts of the city designated by them, the Commissioners desire it to be understood that this appropriation was based on the purchase of certain playground sites recommended by the playground association. As the acquisition of these sites will exhaust all of the appropriation, no further purchase can be made.

Schofield Garrison Entertainment.

A most successful and enjoyable reception and entertainment was given last night by Schofield Garrison, No. 1, at the Pythian Temple. It was largely attended by a select audience, both ladies and gentlemen, who appreciated the delightful programme. The music rendered by the Misses Grigsby, Bateman, Vannernann, and others was charming, as were the recitations by Misses Wolfe and Wright, and Master Kidd. Much praise of the gallant J. G. Maynard for his polite and courteous attention was heard, as well as for the poem recited by him, the "Regular Army and Navy Man." All the comrades present aided in making the occasion one of enjoyment.

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